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On October 8, 2003, the WITNESS was interviewed at the Quickway Office located at 2960 East Orthodox Street, Philadelphia, PA by [Nonresponsive based on revised scope] of Tri-State Enterprise. The WITNESS was interviewed as part of the potentially responsible party search currently being conducted under Work Assignment NO. ES-002 involving the Lower Darby Creek Area, Delaware County, PA (the "Site"). This interview focused on the Folcroft Landfill (Folcroft) and the Clearview Landfill (Clearview). The WITNESS was provided with a copy of the letter of introduction, advised of the nature of the questions to be asked, and advised that the interview was voluntary. The WITNESS advised that he is not represented by an attorney in this matter, and did not want an attorney. No other persons were present, and this interview was not tape-recorded.

During the course of this interview, the WITNESS responded to questions based on guidelines provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for current employees.

The WITNESS was shown an aerial photograph of the Site and this aerial photograph was used throughout the interview.

The WITNESS was asked to explain his association with the Site and to provide any knowledge he has of the Hawthorn and Quickway successor companies.

The WITNESS stated that he has worked for Quickway since July 1981.

The WITNESS stated that he is the general manager of the Quickway Facility (Quickway) at this location, and also the Girard Point Trash Transfer Station located at 3600 South 26th Street, Philadelphia, PA. The WITNESS stated that Quickway is currently operating as a trash transfer station and is owned by Republic Services Group of Pennsylvania. The WITNESS explained that Quickway was a waste transport company and was owned by the Hawthorn family. The WITNESS stated that the Hawthorn family also owned and operated the Hawthorn Demolition Company. The WITNESS provided the following successor information relating to Quickway.

The WITNESS stated that in the mid 1960s the Hawthorn brothers, Edgar, Walter, Alfred, Anthony, and Dave owned and operated a trash hauling business known as the Hawthorn Trash Company. The WITNESS stated that sometime in the late 1960s, the Hawthorn brothers split the company into two businesses. The WITNESS stated that Hawthorn Trash Company became the Hawthorn Demolition Company, and the trash hauling business became Quickway. The WITNESS stated that Quickway was also known as Quickway Waste Removal. The WITNESS stated that both Quickway and Hawthorn operated out of two lots at the location that is now the Quickway Trash Transfer Station located at 2960 East Orthodox Street, Philadelphia, PA.

The WITNESS stated that sometime prior to 1981, Quickway started a trash transfer station at the current Quickway location on East Orthodox Street. The WITNESS stated that prior to 1981 Quickway also operated an incinerator at this location. The WITNESS stated that Quickway currently operates a trash transfer station at the East Orthodox location. The WITNESS stated that the incinerator has been out of service for many years.

The WITNESS stated that sometime in the late 1980s the Hawthorn Demolition Company went out of business. The WITNESS did not know if the business was sold.

The WITNESS stated that after Hawthorn Demolition went out of business, Quickway continued to operate as a waste transport company and trash transfer station. The WITNESS stated that Quickway owned and operated numerous roll-off trucks and rear end loader trucks. The WITNESS stated that he did not know the total number of trucks that Quickway operated. The WITNESS stated that Quickway had both commercial and residential customers. The WITNESS stated that Quickway was owned and operated by the Hawthorn brothers until 1995.

The WITNESS stated that in 1995 USAWaste purchased Quickway. The WITNESS stated that this purchase included the transfer station and the trash trucks and clients. The WITNESS stated that in 1998 Republic Services purchased the Quickway Trash Transfer Station. The WITNESS stated that Waste Management kept the trash business and that Republic operated the trash transfer station, doing business as Quickway.

The WITNESS further stated that the Quickway trash business operated out of the East Orthodox location until Republic purchased the transfer station in 1998. The WITNESS stated that Waste Management then merged the trucks and drivers into the Waste Management facility in Camden, NJ.

When asked if he had ever disposed of waste at Folcroft or Clearview Landfill, the WITNESS stated no. The WITNESS stated that he is forty-five years old and was not working during the time period the Site landfills were in use. The WITNESS stated that he had heard of Clearview Landfill and knows it as the Heller Dump. The WITNESS stated that he has no first hand knowledge of activities at the Clearview or Folcroft Landfill.

When asked the names of Quickway and Hawthorn drivers that were employed by Hawthorn and Quickway during the time period the Folcroft and Clearview Landfills were in use, the WITNESS provided the following names:

- Joseph Pugh
- Joseph Hertzog
- Abraham Branch
- Jessie Jones

When asked the names of the Hawthorn brothers that were active in Quickway and Hawthorn Demolition, the WITNESS provided the following:

- Edgar Hawthorn
- Walter Hawthorn
- Alfred Hawthorn.

The WITNESS stated that he believes the above are still living in the area.

When asked if he had any knowledge of the Casper Brothers Trash Company, the WITNESS stated yes. The WITNESS stated that USA Waste purchased Casper Brothers Trash Company in 1996. The WITNESS stated that prior to this purchase, Casper was owned and operated by John, Frank, and Michael Casper and he provided the possible whereabouts of the following:

- Michael Casper: Lives in Medford, NJ
- John Casper: Lives in Lumberton, NJ
- Frank Casper: Lives in North Philadelphia

The WITNESS stated that a John Edwards was one of the Casper Brothers' truck drivers.

When asked if he had any knowledge about Eastern Industrial, the WITNESS stated yes. The WITNESS stated that in the 1980s Quickway disposed of waste at the Kinsley Landfill in NJ. The WITNESS stated that this landfill was owned and operated by John Moore who also owned Eastern Industrial. The WITNESS stated that the Kinsley Landfill was closed in 1986 and the Attwood Company, which subsequently sold the business to BFI, purchased Eastern.

When asked if he had any knowledge of the waste transport company known as Ace, the WITNESS stated yes. The WITNESS stated that William Ells owned Ace. The WITNESS stated that BFI purchased Ace. He could not recall the date of this purchase. The WITNESS stated that Kevin Hee managed Ace at the time of this purchase, and that Hee is currently employed by BFI.

The WITNESS stated that he has always been interested in the evaluation of the trash business and has frequently asked older truck drivers about their experiences in the trash business.

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When asked if Girard Point Transfer Station was ever owned and operated by Louis Paolino, Jr., the WITNESS stated yes. The WITNESS stated that Paolino owned Girard Point for a few years in the late 1980s.

"I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct."

Executed on _____
(Date)

Signed _____
(Name)